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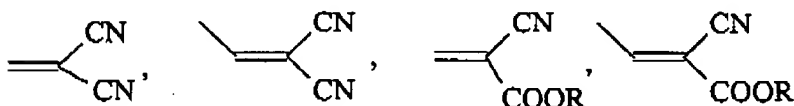
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A one month extension of time is enclosed and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 4 and 25 have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-19 and 21-25 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito et al. The Examiner has further stated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to define the ethylenic unit based on structure 1, as being derived from the monomers selected from



where R is (C₁ –C₁₀)alkyl. Support for these structures is present on page 7, lines 1-6. Support for the chain length of R, the alkyl group, is present on page 6, lines 10-12, where the alkyl group is "Preferably the alkyl group is less than ten carbon atoms". No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

In conclusion and in view of the above, it is respectfully submitted to the Examiner that the present invention with the amended claims is now placed in a condition of allowance.

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If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned agent at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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